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Federal Jury Convicts Father & Daughter for Meth Crimes

A federal jury found a Tulsa man and his daughter guilty of selling methamphetamine and maintaining a house where drugs are distributed, announced U.S. Attorney David E. O'Meilia.

Larry Wayne Barnes, 57, and Larita Annette Barnes (aka Clark), age 32, were found guilty late yesterday after a three-day jury trial of Count 1 - Possession with Intent to Distribute and Distribution of Methamphetamine, and Count 2 - Maintaining a Location Where Drugs are Manufactured, Distributed or Used. The Barnes' sold approximately 90 grams of methamphetamine to an individual out of their residence located at 7116 East Newton Street on May 8, 2007. Larry and Larita Barnes were both present in the house and both were involved in the drug transaction.

Sentencing in the matter is scheduled for July 28, 2008, after the completion of a presentence investigation. The penalty for the actual drug transaction is not less than 5 years, nor more than 40 years, and up to a \$2 million fine. The penalty for maintaining a house where drugs are distributed is not more than 20 years imprisonment and/or a \$500,000 fine.

Chief U.S. District Judge Claire V. Eagan presided. Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert T. Raley represented the government during the trial. The charges resulted from an investigation by the Tulsa Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.